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## 30th Anniversary Reunion — Class of '29

### ANNUAL MEETING

The next Annual Meeting will take place at Ruby Foo's, Montreal, on Wednesday, January 20th, 1960 at 8:30 p.m. (Supper served at 6:30 p.m.) and all members of the Association are urgently requested to reserve this date and to make a strenuous effort to attend.

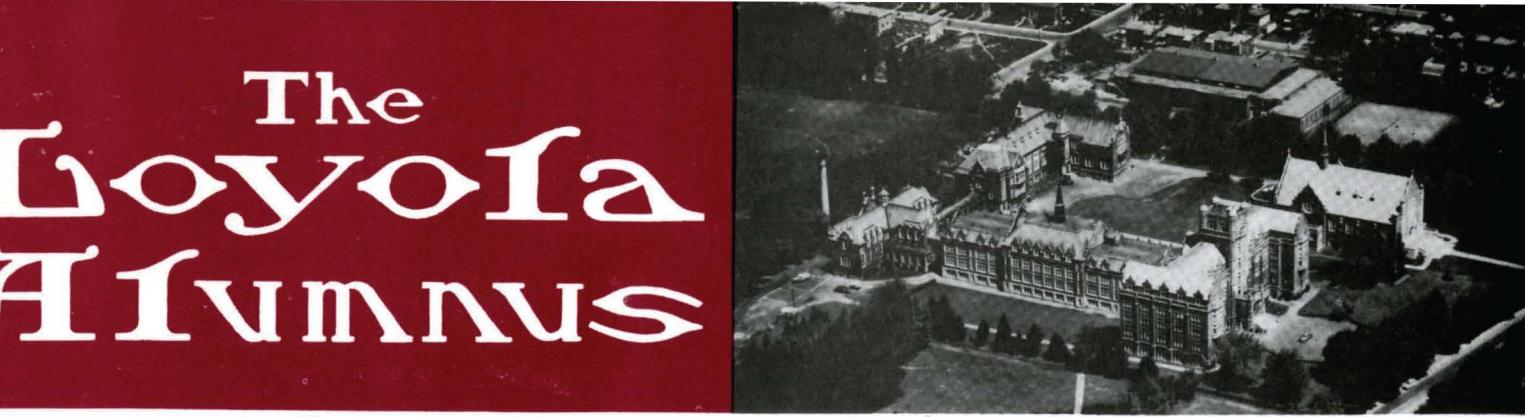
The attendance at last year's Annual Meeting was extremely disappointing and it is most difficult for your Executive to judge whether or not their efforts on behalf of the Association as a whole are meeting with the approval of the general membership. It is at the Annual Meeting that all members have their best opportunity of expressing their views on the program and activities of the Association.

This year in particular a most important decision will have to be taken with respect to the future use to be made of funds currently held in the Alumni Special Fund. A proposition has been put forward to use these funds as a basis for establishing an Alumni Loan Fund to assist students at the College who require financial assistance in order to continue their education.

Your Executive considers the establishment of such a Student Loan Fund to be an important contribution to the development of the College but requires the approval of the general membership before it can devote the current assets of the Alumni Special Fund to this purpose.

Your presence as an interested member of the Loyola Alumni Association is therefore urgently needed at the next Annual Meeting.

The President, Executive and Directors, send you their very best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year.



Anyone passing along the corridor of the Queen's Hotel on the night of November 14th, might well have been startled by the din of voices and the echo of hearty back-slapping from one of the dining rooms. And well they might, for it was nothing less than Loyola '29 giving vent to thirty years of pent-up good fellowship and reminiscences.

This reunion was instigated by Harold Quinn '29 and a committee was formed to arrange a get-together, which up to that time had been the largest graduation group in the history of the College.

Letters were sent out to all known addresses and eventually firm plans were made. It had been the hope of the Committee that twenty-five or thirty would attend, but distant locations and pressing business made it impossible for some. Those who were able to make it reminisced over classroom cutups and valor on the field of battle and the stories lost nothing in the retelling. The grey hairs and bay windows accumulated in the interval were soon forgotten, so that nothing would have surprised them less than to see "Big Joe" in the doorway, handing out Jug all round.

Many walks of life were represented, the most easily identifiable being the stalwart clerical contingent of Fathers John Masterson, S.J., Lionel Stanford, S.J., Gerald Britt, George Foley, John Ryan and John Walsh. Football talk centered around George Pigeon, whose son is the current Loyola captain. Incidentally, quite a few others have sent sons to Loyola. There were even a couple of grandfathers present. Letters were received from Dr. Curtis Corcoran of Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Maranda of Levis, Que., Harold Maloney of Hull, Que., George Mulligan and John Whitelaw of Toronto, Ont., all expressing regrets at being unable to attend, but sending their best wishes for a successful reunion.

Other '29ers present and not as yet mentioned were: Ed Britton, from Connecticut, Hullett Desbarats, Jack Hart, Jim Mullalley, Pat Nolan, Tom O'Rourke, Harold Quinn, from Toronto, Norman Saylor, Ed Sculley and Ed Seeney.

The get-together proved very successful. Many old friendships were renewed and it was the consensus that an effort should be made, in future, to try to meet on a yearly basis.

Pat Nolan and Harold Quinn are to be congratulated for success of the '29 Class Reunion. It was through their hard work and organizing that everyone enjoyed themselves as they did.



# BILL McGEE

*as Remembered by Father Henry Smeaton, S.J.*

"Bill's last year at Loyola made him so happy and contented that it was a joy to travel with him and share in his keen anticipation of the day's work". That is the way Dorothy McGee summed up the last months of her husband's life. Bill had come home. After nearly two score of years in the rough and tumble of competitive business rivalry, he had found the atmosphere that suited him. The fierce, brawling waters of the turbulent river with its swift onward rush to the sea of success, and its frightening, cascading dip down the rapids of adversity had, under the guiding hand of The One, who had calmed the raging storm on Genesareth, swept him now into the gentle, placid, unruffled recesses of academic peace.

And Bill McGee loved that quiet after the storm and he loved Loyola. He loved it so much that for a while he was puzzled even by the inevitable changes that had taken place since his eight year course at Old Loyola on Drummond Street and on what was then the still raw and undeveloped Campus at the farthest West-end of Montreal. He loved it so much that he could not understand how a mere word was not enough to rally all the Men of Substance to its cause. He really and truly expected that each day would bring its tidings of good joy and signal support to the work. Those of us that had been longer and more continuously in the unrequited art of selling our product could not but smile in sympathy at the disappointments of the business man in the uncharted waters of academic life.

But his interest was so real that it would not have surprised us at all if Bill McGee had graduated from the executive and administrative part of education to the more prosaic but vital communication of ideas. In one long conversation I had with him last spring, he kept harking back to the subject of teaching; that after all he had the basic education, crowned with the laurels of an academic degree; that his long years in accountancy and advertising had taught him what others in that field should learn; that his deep and abiding interest in the manipulations of the financial world should prove a good back-ground; that his life-time interest in books, especially in Canadian history, would make the work of teaching natural and rewarding. I could not help feeling that Bill had wanted from the beginning to be a teacher and that he wondered what had happened to keep him so long from this work and he was hoping to do it.

## Alumni Retreat

## Highly Successful

More than thirty Alumni members together with a few friends of Loyola gathered at Beaconsfield on November 6th for a week-end closed retreat.

The Directors of the Manreas Retreat House, Father Sutton, S.J. and Father Elliott, S.J., welcomed the 35 retreatants on Friday evening and offered them the hospitality known to so many Montreal Catholic laymen for more than ten years.

The Retreat Master was Father Kevin McKenna, S.J., Dean of Studies at Regiopolis in Kingston. Father McKenna, originally from Quebec City, led the retreatants through a brief study of the Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Sunday afternoon saw all the men leave Manreas refreshed in mind and body and prepared to face the world with a new vigor and a reaffirmed dedication.

Sincere congratulations are due to Gerry McGee and his hard working Committee for their strenuous efforts in promoting this important Spiritual Event.

Alas, it was not to be! Just a year back at his old and new home and already he is gone to a better and more lasting dwelling. No one around here had any idea that Bill McGee was sick and sick unto death. When his namesake, Mr. J. McGee S.J., told me that if I wanted to see Bill, I had better get up that very day, I had not even heard that he had been operated on, that he was in hospital, that he had been off duty for a few days. When I stood at his sick-bed a half-hour later I still found it hard to believe that he would not rally and soon be again his gentle, quiet, urbane self. He asked me simply and quite plainly to keep moistening his face with a damp cloth, to touch his lips with drops of water. He was completely conscious, coherent, but very weak.

Priest-wise, I had to verify that all the consoling Sacraments had been administered. Bill assured me that he was receiving daily Communion. And that was another consolation of that last blessed year of homecoming.

I first met Bill McGee in the autumn of 1908. We were little boys of six or seven, beginning our education at Notre-Dame College. He was a boarder, as he lived down-town on McGill College Avenue, but I was a day-scholar coming from Northmount, a few blocks from the school. There were then about fifty English-speaking lads in the overwhelmingly French school. Only three of us were day-scholars, Allan Barnes, Tug (Peter) Murphy and I. And our main function in life quickly became foragers of food for the ravenous boarders. They were never allowed out and they were always hungry. I have no doubt they were well-fed, but you could never guess it from the prodigious amount of candy that we carried in. This was all strictly forbidden. How our bulging blouses — that is what our shirts were called in those days — and crammed pockets escaped the peering eyes of scowling Bro. Henri and his assistant prefects, I still don't know. But the three of us fed Eddie McGarr and Howard and Stuart, his brothers, Bill and Peter O'Neill, Kirwin, McLaughlin, Moncel and the rest of the hungry horde, including Bill McGee, my best customer.

Five years we were there at C.N.D. and we all knew Bro. André well and we all learned French and were wonderfully well taught by Father MacKinnon, and Fr. Lafond and Fr. Collette and Fr. Connaught.

Then Bill went to Loyola and I went to Catholic High, but I caught up with him when I was sent here for College. And again we were in the same class. And many of them are gone to their reward with Christ.

But Rae Carson and Paul Wickham and Doc Charland and Noah Timmins and Billie Topp and Ferdie Terroux, Benny Benard, Pascal Lachapelle and a handfull of us are still around to pray for the soul of our old friend and classmate, William McGee. May he rest in peace! And may the good Lord look after and cherish, as Bill would have cherished Dorothy, Joan and John.

## Oyster Party Popular Event Again This Year

Friday, November 13th, saw a good turn-out of Loyola Alumni and friends at the Annual Oyster Party. The oysters were delicious and the beverages to balance the diet were enjoyed by one and all also.

About two hundred people joined in the revelry and it was a pleasure to see the old grads and their younger alumni joining in together to make the night the success it was.

A deep and sincere vote of thanks are hereby offered to Val Chartier and his Committee, which included the very valuable services of Don McNaughton, for the time and hard-work they put into this event.

## FOOTBALL AT LOYOLA

Winners! and still champions! That phrase fits this year's edition of the Loyola College Football Warriors to a "T". Once again this year, Loyola entered their team in the Ottawa St. Lawrence Conference and for the second year in succession, they emerged champions.

The Warriors started the season minus a few of their first stringers of last year. They filled these gaps with some of last year's players and some Senior "A" players from the high school ranks.

One of their question marks this year was who was to play quarterback. This position was very capably filled by Mike Kostin, a high school graduate. The team was very ably coached by Ed Meagher, athletic director Paul Gallagher, a graduate of and former professor at Loyola, and Larry Kennedy, who played for Notre Dame in 1951,

In the first game of the season, the team journeyed to Ottawa to play St. Pat's. They emerged victors on the scoreboard, but received a few lumps which were kept in mind for the return match. They lost a speedy halfback, Mark Murphy, as the result of a broken ankle. In the second game, they played the cadets from R.M.C. at Trenholme Park, and whipped them by the score of 44-0. They then travelled to Lennoxville to play the Bishop Gaitors. It was a tight game in the first half, but the Warriors then showed their superior power and pulled away to win the

game. The fourth game of the season was a mud bath. It was the return match with St. Pat's. The Warriors won this game in better fashion than the first, although they had one point scored against them, which broke their unscorched upon record.

This set the stage for one of the most exciting games which any team at Loyola has played for many a year. They played MacDonald College, who also was unbeaten in four games. Loyola had scored 113 points in four games, and MacDonald had scored 111 points. This was to be for the league title and championship. After a tightly fought game, the score was tied 13-13 at the end of regulation time. This, in turn, set the stage for a 20 minute overtime period in which Loyola edged a win, 20-19, for the championship.

In a victory party held at guard Gary Fitzpatrick's home, this year's captain, Carl Pigeon handed the reins of the team over to next year's captain elect, Dick Mathieu, and his assistant, Mike Sears and Gary Fitzpatrick. The Most Valuable Player award ended in a draw, and both Bob Knebel and Carl Pigeon received awards. The Most Improved Player award went to Mike Ferrie. This marked the end of a very successful and enjoyable season for the Warriors who are now looking forward to another great season next year.

## THE LOOKOUT

Dr. Frank Flood '32, is now back at work after a long bout with infectious hepatitis in St. Mary's Hospital.

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George Pigeon '29, has a son Carl following in his athletic footsteps at Loyola. Carl is captain of our '59 senior football team.

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Dudley D. Dineen '21, with the Bell Telephone Co. has undertaken the chairmanship of St. George's District in the coming Boy Scouts Financial Campaign.

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V.O. Walsh '37, has recently returned from a month long refresher course on Insurance Adjusting in the U.S.A.

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Andy O'Brien '31, is now on the mend after a serious ulcer operation in St. Mary's Hospital.

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Major Paul Brennan, M.C. '37, is serving as 2 i/c with the 8th Canadian Hussars in Germany.

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Angus J. McDougall, S.J., '40, is in Toronto studying for his Doctorate in the Classics.

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Terry O'Neill '54, is now a partner in the legal firm of O'Neill and O'Neill.

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Basil Johnston '54, who joined the married ranks last summer, has been appointed Manager of the Membership Department of the Toronto Board of Trade.

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Tom Connolly '51, has entered the Priesthood and joined his brother Paul, in St. Augustine Seminary.

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Mike O'Driscoll '56, is studying for his Chartered Accountancy through the firm of Fred Page, Higgins & Company.

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Paul Bray '26, in the construction business in Toronto with a McNamara's firm broke his neck in an accidental fall some time ago. His recovery has been so good that he is now back at work.

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William J. Daniels '57, and Ed. Monaghan are recent bridegrooms. Harry Allmand '59, plans to take the big step soon also.

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Hector Soubliere '50, lawyer, has moved to Sturgeon Falls, Ont. recently.

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Dr. Bob Brodrick '43, is gradually regaining his strength and resuming his busy practice and Alumni activities.

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Nicholas J. Gwyn, '54, is serving as third secretary in the office of the High Commissioner for Canada in Accra, Ghana.

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Cigars have been passed around recently in honour of new babies by Mike Blanar '54, John St. Onge '56 and Dr. William Beauregard '54.

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Paul Noble '58, taking his Masters in Political Science at McGill, was one of two chosen to go to the U.S.A. to represent McGill at the very successful Political Science Conference held at West Point. Paul was appointed to present a report for his conference table.

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Kevin Reynolds '49, has recently been appointed Assistant-Secretary of the Montreal Trust Company.

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Lloyd O'Toole '45, is now a sales representative for the pharmaceutical firm of Elliott-Marion.

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A limited number of the College Placement Annual for 1959-60 are available to graduates who are interested. These may be had from Father T. Moylan, S.J., Director - Placement Bureau, Loyola College.

A reminder to the Class of '32. Monthly luncheons are still being held at the Queen's Hotel, Montreal, on the first Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. Regulars at the gathering are: Frank Shaughnessy, Jr., Harry Hemens, Q.C., Brendan O'Connor, Ed. Cuddihy, and Ed. Lennon. These men hope to see more of their classmates during 1960.

Do you ever say to yourself "I wonder where Joe or Jim or Charlie are now and how are they making out"? Well a lot of your old class mates feel the same way about you and would like to catch a little news of your doings. Please help us make this column a success by sending a brief note to: Loyola Alumni Association, 7141 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal 28, Que., or by telephoning our office if more convenient for you localites. HU. 8-8701.

### COMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting

January 20th, 1960

Ruby Foo's Restaurant

at 8:30 p.m.

Supper served at 6:30 p.m.

Following the Annual Meeting, retiring President Fred McCaffrey '41 will be taking off for a six week business tour of the Middle East, Mediterranean, and Continental Europe.

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